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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

AT&T and their trade association, US Telecom, have recently petitioned the FCC to take away access to critical unbundled network elements. These unbundled elements are critical last-mile copper and inter-city fiber; the very technology that allowed my ISP to grow, expand fiber deployment, and compete. Without access to this infrastructure, my ISP (Sonic) is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of their customer base, leading to potentially higher rates, less fiber deployment, and even less options such as competitive telephone service for consumers like me.

Thanks to competitive telecommunication laws, Sonic has been able to build and connect tens of thousands of members on their own fiber network. But, thats only a portion of their customer base. They need continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so that we can get me, and everyone else, connected to their fast, affordable internet.

I support broadband competition and competitive deployment!

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